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1. On 3 March 1953, about 300 troops, about 20 x 57-mm AT guns and about 35 trucks were entrained at the Altstadt railroad station in Brandenburg. The unit had come from the Flak Kasernas.

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2. Troops and materiel from the Artillerie Kasernas loaded at the Burg railroad station on trains leaving toward Magdeburg included:

4 March. Eight 100-mm AT guns, 15 full-track vehicles, 10 trucks and 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, at 20 p.m.

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Four 152-mm field howitzers, 4 full-track vehicles, 20 trucks and 150

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soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, at 7 p.m. Four 152-mm field howitzers, 9 full-track vehicles and 6 trucks, after 7 p.m.

5 March. Ten 85-mm AA guns, 22 trucks and 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, at 1:20 p.m. Twelve 37-mm AA guns, 20 trucks and 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, at 3:15 p.m.²

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3. Troops and materiel loaded in Oranienburg between 2 and 4 March included:

2 March. Six T-34/85 tanks, 4 T-34 tanks, 3 x 2-axle machine gun carrier, 3 half-track machine gun carrier, 7 armored scout cars, 4 trucks and 1 sedan, at 10 a.m.

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3 March. Fifteen JS-tanks and 4 trucks, at 3 p.m. Twenty T-34 and T-34/85 tanks, billeting equipment and sections of prefabricated cantonment buildings, at 4 p.m.

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4 March. Seven armored scout cars, 18 trucks, at 6:30 a.m.

At about 5:30 p.m., motor vehicles were driving up to the ramp. Motor vehicles identified with the abovementioned loadings

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4. A large part of Unit 1, elements of Unit 2 and about half of the unit stationed in the Adler Kaserne returned to their installations in Doeberitz during the night of 28 February.⁴ Troops and materiel observed at the Dallgow railroad station included: 30 trucks, 12 x 37-mm AA guns and about 400 troops, coming from Neues Lager and loaded on 1 March; an undetermined number of trucks towing 14 x 57-mm AT guns [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] detained on 1 March and leaving for the barracks installation of Unit 1; and 50 trucks, and 16 x 76-mm field guns, detained on 3 March and leaving for Olympisches Dorf. 25X1
On 2 March, 23 JS tanks, [redacted] and 7 JSU-122 guns, [redacted] returned to the barracks installation of Unit 2, coming from the training area.⁴
5. On 24 February, three T-34 tanks left the See Kaserne in Neuruppin. A number of soldiers received instruction on a 122-mm howitzer in the yard of the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne. Two trucks towing 37-mm AA guns were seen leaving the installation. On 25 February, truck [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] towing a 122-mm howitzer left the installation. At about 2 p.m. on 26 February, 29 trucks [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] towing 4 x 37-mm AA guns and each occupied by about 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 9 x 120-mm mortars, 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 2 x 122-mm howitzers; and 3 trucks mounting AA machine guns were seen on Wittstocker Allee in line with the airfield, coming from the direction of Wittstock and proceeding toward Neuruppin. Judging from the lighted windows, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne, the See Kaserne, the Fridericus Kaserne, the former post hospital and the Fliegerhorst Kaserne were all heavily occupied on 2 March.⁶
6. On 3, 4, 5 and 7 March, an undetermined number of troops received instruction on up to 8 AA guns of 37-mm, 76-mm and 85-mm; and on 4 AA guns of more than 85-mm, and about 300 troops drilled in the yard of the Flak Kaserne in Magdeburg. On 6 March, two tanks [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] and trucks [redacted] were entrained at the Friedrichstadt freight station.⁷
1. [redacted] Comment. According to repeatedly confirmed reports, units of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) went to the south part of Letzling Heath, probably for advanced combat practice firing. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. The units entrained on 4 March belonged to the 304th Arty Brig (US) of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps which presumably left for firing practice. The loading on 5 March involved units of the unidentified AAA regiment of the abovementioned corps. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. The loadings, which were repeatedly reported, involved units of the 25th Tank Div who left for Templin, presumably to vacate the Oranienburg concentration camp for KVP. 25X1
4. [redacted] Comment. The bulk of the units of the 1st Mecz Div stationed in the Adler-Loewen Kaserne, which had left for exercises on 19 February, apparently returned in early March. Unit 1 in the east section of the Loewen Kaserne has been carried as belonging to the 19th Mecz Regt and Unit 2 in the west section of the Loewen Kaserne has been carried as belonging to the 219th Tank Regt of the division. However, according to the information in this report, the latter unit appears to be identical with the 72d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the division, previously carried in the Adler Kaserne. 25X1

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5. Comment. [redacted] the train on 1 March went to Altengrabow [redacted]. It may have carried units of the 1382d AAA Regt (US) of the 1st Mecz Div. The unloading on 2 March involved AT units, probably of the 19th Mecz Regt of the division which presumably had arrived from Forst Zinna [redacted]. The units detrained on 3 March probably belonged to the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) which, according to reports on transportation, went from Forst Zinna to Doeberitz on 3 March [redacted].

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6. Comment. Available information indicated that, beginning 23 February, exercises of units of the 12th Gds Tank Div, mainly from the Fridericus Kaserne, took place in the area southeast of Frankendorf northwest of Neuruppin. [redacted] The column mentioned in paragraph 5 probably returned from these exercises. [redacted] the Fridericus Kaserne was partially occupied on 1 March while the other barracks installations were occupied to capacity as previously. It is possible that all the units which were absent from the Fridericus Kaserne for exercises had returned prior to 2 March.

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7. Comment. This information confirms units of the 3d Gds AAA Div in the Flak Kaserne until 7 March. However, AA guns of more than 85-mm have not been reported from there and have not been observed with other AA units in East Germany. The tanks belong to the 19th Gds Mecz Div and were probably entrained for a repair shop.

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